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MTA BOARD APPROVES FUNDING TO REVIEW RAIL PROJECT TO CONNECT CRENSHAW CORRIDOR WITH EXISTING LINES

Decision positions Crenshaw as a regional transportation alternative

LOS ANGELES – Acting on a motion co-authored by County Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Don Knabe and Santa Monica Mayor Pam O’Conner, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board today allocated \$5 million for environmental reviews of a project that would connect the Crenshaw Transit Corridor with rail lines into the South Bay.

The action begins the process of bringing light rail to the Second District that would extend into such South Bay communities as El Segundo and Redondo Beach.

“Today’s decision by the MTA Board, regarding the vision of continuing the line further south, begins to position Crenshaw as a truly regional transportation alternative,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said the proposed Crenshaw project would improve mobility in the corridor, which extends approximately 10 miles from Wilshire Boulevard on the north to El Segundo Boulevard on the south, and serve as an “economic engine.”

Last month, the Supervisor led newly-appointed MTA Chief Executive Officer Arthur T. Leahy on a tour along the Corridor. The Supervisor directed the tour of proposed transit stops that began at the Baldwin Hills-Crenshaw Plaza and traveled through the communities of Leimert Park, Park Mesa/Hyde Park, Inglewood, and LAX.

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